

UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR DE SAN SIMON (UMSS)

DEGREES GRADOS		Brief description <i>Breve descripción</i>
INTERNATIONAL Designation <i>Denominación</i>	BOLIVIAN Designation <i>Denominación</i>	
Undergraduate/Bachelor (1st cycle)	PREGRADO (LICENCIATURA)	<p>The cycle of studies leading to the bachelor's degree in the bolivian higher education system, conferred after 5 years and/or 6.000 hours or between 240 credits (4 years) to 300 credits (5 years) of university studies, it is also necessary to approve the graduation requirements of the respective study plan. It enables to practice the profession.</p> <p>Has a normal duration of 5years or 10 semesters.</p> <p>Total number of approved subjects: 28 (year) or 46(semester).</p>
Master (2nd cycle)	ESPECIALIDAD	The cycle of studies leading to postgraduate degree with at least 40 credits, equivalent to 1.600 hours.
	MAESTRÍA	The cycle of studies leading to the master's degree in bolivian higher education system with at least 60 credits, equivalent to 2.400 hours,
Doctorate (3rd cycle)	DOCTORADO	The cycle of studies leading to a doctoral degree. This deepens the study of a science area and develops high level scientific research. It is necessary at least 70 credits equivalent to 2.500 hours.

GRADING SCALES

- The grading scales applied at undergraduate level goes from 1 to 100. The passing grade/mimimum for approval at undergraduate level is **51**.
- The grading scales applied at postgraduate level goes from 1 to 100. The passing grade/mimimum for approval is **71**.

EQUIVALENCE ECTS

UNDERGRADUATE	European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	Bolivia UMSS
Weeks by semester	18 - 20 weeks	20 Weeks
Hours workload by week	35 - 45	48
Hours workload by semester	750 - 900	960
Credits by semester	30	-----
Total of credits for official undergraduate studies	180 - 240	-----
Credits by week	1,5	-----

COMPARATIVE TABLE

ECTS	BOLIVIA
EXCELLENT- (A)	100
VERY GOOD- (B)	90 – 99 (Sobresaliente)
GOOD- (C)	77 – 89 (Distinguido) 70 – 76 (Bueno)
SATISFACTORY- (D)	64 – 69 (Bueno)
SUFFICIENT- (E)	51 – 63 (Suficiente)
FAIL- (F) / (FX)	0 – 50 (Reprobado)